



MINUTES OF
EUREKA CITY COUNCIL

March 17, 2020

The City Council of the City of Eureka met in REGULAR Session on the above date, 5:00 P.M. Closed Session, 6:00 P.M. Open Session, at the Eureka City Hall, Council Chambers, 531 "K" Street, Eureka.

Public Comment: None

CLOSED SESSION - 5:00 P.M.

Conference with legal counsel – existing litigation
Oscar Leatherman and Kelly Pifferini v. City of Eureka, et al.
Northern District of California Case No. 4:17-cv-05610-HSG

Conference with legal counsel - existing litigation
Stacy Cobine, et al v. City of Eureka et al
United States District Court Northern District of California, Oakland Division Case
No. 16-cv-02239-JSW

REGULAR SESSION – 6:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Seaman
Castellano
Messner
Arroyo
Bergel

ABSENT: Allison

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION: No Final Actions taken

Arroyo moved, seconded by Bergel, Motion to add a urgent item to the Agenda - COVID-19 Employee Benefit Leave, motion Carried

Ayes: Castellano, Messner, Arroyo, Bergel

Noes: None

Absent: Allison

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:

City Manager Dean Lotter provided information on what the City is doing to address the COVID-19 Virus Emergency.

Mayor Seaman read a proclamation for Brain Injury Awareness Month.

PRESENTATIONS:

Connie Stewart of the California Center for Rural Policy presented a presentation regarding 2020 Census.

BOARD/COMMISSION REPORTS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

Debra Cullens

Nathaniel Thomas

Donna Wright

A) PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

B) CONSENT CALENDAR

- B.1 Council Meeting Minutes - : Approve the minutes of the regular Council meeting minutes from the March 3, 2020 as submitted.
- B.2 Sewer Use Ordinance Policy - Adopt Updated Policy 6.71 - Sewer Use Policy
- B.3 State Revolving Fund Loan Application Resolution - Water Meter AMR Project - Adopt Resolution No. 2020-14 of the City Council authorizing submittal of application materials to the State Revolving Fund loan program
- B.4 Rhododendron Parade Sponsorship – This item was removed from consent on not discussed.

C) ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

- C.1 Procurement Ordinance Update – City Clerk Pam Powell provided a report. No one from the public addressed the council regarding this subject matter.

Arroyo moved, seconded by Bergel, Recommendation: Waive reading, read by title only, and adopt Bill No. 977-C.S., an Ordinance of the City of Eureka amending Eureka Municipal Code § 39.38, pertaining to informal bidding requirements., motion Carried

Ayes: Castellano, Messner, Arroyo, Bergel

Noes: None

Absent: Allison

- C.2 COVID-19 Employee Emergency Time-Off - Human Resources Director Will Folger provided a report. No one from the public addressed the Council regarding this subject matter.

Bergel moved, seconded by Castellano, to adopt Resolution No. 2020-15 of the City Council Relating to Employee Procedure and Leave Accruals in Response to COVID-19; and

Authorized the City Manager to make emergency changes to the Temporary Disability Leave policy (Policy No. 3.30) to provide for emergency-specific criteria under which employees may access partial wage coverage pursuant to this policy if it becomes necessary to continue providing time-off accommodations in response to COVID-19 impacts, motion Carried

Ayes: Castellano, Messner, Arroyo, Bergel

Noes: None

Absent: Allison

D) REPORTS/ACTION ITEMS

- D.1 General Fund Budget Forecast FY20/21 – FY24/25: Revenues

This item was pulled and not discussed.

E) CITY MANAGER REPORTS

COUNCIL REPORTS / CITY-RELATED TRAVEL REPORTS

Councilmember Castellano's townhall meeting has been postponed. Wabash Commercial Meeting has also been postponed. Governor Newsome executive order to protect against evictions and utility shut off during the COVID-19 Crisis. Would like to see the Alderon Laird study presented to Council in the future.

Councilmember Arroyo...everything has been postponed. General comment on how the community has come together during this COVID-19 and helping each other and offering encouragement to other.

Councilmember Bergel attended the CAPE Non-profit meeting. Golf Course is doing well. During the COVID-19 emergency, Betty Chinn serving dinner at 7th and C eating outside and maintaining social distancing.

From 11 to 1 Eureka High is serving lunch to children. Visited the Eureka Heritage Society Annie B. Garden.

Councilmember Messner thanked the community for their actions during the COVID 19 emergency and encourages folks to check neighbors and help one another.

Mayor Seaman Waterfront Recovery Services reached out and requested a letter of support to help receive funding from MediCal which had been approved but they had not received.

The City broke ground on the Redwood Skywalk and should hopefully be completed in September.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:25 PM

APPROVED:



Susan Seaman
Mayor

Attest:



Pamela J. Powell
City Clerk